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1. WE HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED BY THE FRG INTERIOR MINISTRY THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS OF GERMAN EXPERTS IN THE EARTHQUAKE ZONE IN ITALY, HAS APPROVED THE SENDING OF ONE BATTALION OF ENGINEERS WITH EQUIPMENT INTO THE DISASTER AREA.

2. THE ADVANCE ELEMENT ARRIVED IN UDINE THIS MORNING BY PLANE WHILE THE MAIN ELEMENT HAS BEEN DISPATCHED BY ROAD THROUGH AUSTRIAN TERRITORY AND WILL ARRIVE IN THE COURSE OF THE DAY. AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE EXTENDED THE RIGHT OF PASSAGE.

3. THE BATTALION CONSISTS OF ABOUT 400 SOLDIERS WITH A NUMBER OF TRACKED VEHICLES AND OTHER EQUIPMENT SUITABLE FOR ALL TYPES OF EARTH MOVING AND SIMILAR WORK. UNDER PRESENT PLANNING, THE SOLDIERS WILL STAY
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IN ITALY FOR A PERIOD OF 2 WEEKS AT A TOTAL COST OF ABOUT DM 1 MILLION.

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